

# TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS DIMINISH DAILY HERE, MYERS DECLARES

Director of Public Safety, in Annual Report, Says Police Department Was Never in More Efficient Condition—Goes to Aldermen Tuesday.

Traffic violations are daily diminishing in Richmond, according to the annual report of Director of Safety M. Myers, which will be handed to the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night. It is pointed out in the report that the diminution is due largely to the fact that the police have become familiar with traffic laws and are inclined more freely to observe regulations.

Another reason is suggested by Director Myers. The department has instituted a plan of reports, which is heard before the traffic officers, and the officer is instructed and trained and no arrest is made. Upon the report of the officer, the police are sent into the streets. Many of those who are reported, accept the warning with good faith, and the result is a direct falling off of arrests. The number of traffic violations in 1920 was 4,132, while last year it was 3,776, and the number this year is far less than of the same period last year.

In his report Director Myers says: "The police department has never been in a more efficient condition and the morale of the force of a higher standard. The director of the force, I feel, is the thoroughly imbued with the spirit of giving Richmond one of the most efficient Police Departments in the country. Results of their efforts have been plainly seen not only in our own statistics, but by those of our Federal and State governments. Richmond is recognized as one of the best cities in the country for the control of vice and crimes incident to the city."

The work of the traffic bureau receives the highest commendation. It is pointed out that the bureau, with the totally inadequate and overworked force, accomplished great results. I am advised that the bureau is in a position to take the traffic violations in the city and handle them in a better manner than in any other city. The bureau has been taught the new regulations, Richmond, according to government statistics, had the lowest number of fatalities from automobiles in any city of the country. We feel justly proud of this and are confident of the fact that it is a great credit to the bureau and the hearty cooperation of the police and the motorist. Every citizen who we feel, are urged to report to the police the violations and reduce to a minimum the number of motor vehicles operating in our streets.

The total number of arrests made during the year was 12,766. This is an increase of any year since 1916. The number of arrests for drunkenness was 1,000, which was an increase of 100 for the year 1919, but less than those of any year since 1916. Of the 12,766 arrests made during the year there were 1,000 for drunkenness, 2,500 for assault and 235 for other offenses.

The percentage of convictions to the number of arrests is not satisfactory and it is possible to a large degree to our method of issuing citations which should be changed to the present legislation.

Arrest Five Murderers. The detective bureau has done a remarkable amount of work. There was a report by the bureau stolen property to the value of \$115,020.24, of which \$10,000.00 was recovered. Of the five murderers committed during the year, the systematic check-up of the stores in the city made available for additional, and the renewal of the old, motor apparatus of the department, this in the interest of economy, for beyond a certain period of upkeep is abnormal, and public funds are wasted in the necessary heavy upkeep in order to keep the vehicles running.

"During the year the Police Department has been called upon to render much service outside of its regular police duties, an extension of note being the rechecking of the United States Census, which resulted in adding approximately 20,000 names and prevented the city from being placed in an unjust and improper class. The force was increased during the year by ten men, and all officers and employees of the department received a substantial increase in salary. The men were all reclassified according to their longevity of service."

**BIG CACHE OF ANCIENT ARMS OF HUNS FOUND**

Relics Are Dug From Baltic Swamp by Danish Scientist.

BERLIN, Sept. 10.—Thousands of weapons, and even a large boat, were found buried in a swamp on the island of Alsion, in the Baltic Sea. But this time they were not machine guns and hand grenades carefully hid away by some group of monarchists, nor was it a radical workman who discovered the huge cache of arms, old spears and shields lay under the smooth surface of the swamp, where they had rested ever since the days when Huns and Vandals swept across the continent, and the man who made the discovery is a quiet Danish scientist.

The swamp, he believes, probably formed the battle ground of migrating tribes, and the spears and shields might have been lost in the hot struggle or left behind by the retreating forces. Huns, too, were found, and it has not yet been ascertained whether they were used as implements or whether they form the sole remains of the gallant warriors.

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**GERMAN COMPARES FLAG WITH DISEASE**

Pan-German Doctor Uses Medical Science in Booming Ideals of Party.

BERLIN, Sept. 10.—Medical science and politics are interchangeable items for the true Pan-German. This was proved by Professor Lubarsch, who is the first doctor to use this science in booming the ideals of his party. It is the new republican flag that incites his wrath and impels him to end a highly technical essay on giving new terms to diseases with the following words:

"To change the name of tuberculosis would be nearly as bad as the replacement of the old glory-crowned black, white and red flag by the new black, red and gold banner of the Republicans."

That sentence appeared in one of the leading anatomical gazettes here, founded by the old master anatomist, Virchow, now dead, and is only another sign that monarchism is still alive and kicking.

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**TURNED SUIT SHOWED MAN BRAIN-WORKER**

Murder Victim Belonged to Only Class Unable to Buy New Clothing.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 10.—A turned suit was sufficient proof to the local police authorities that the man who wore it, and who was found murdered here today, belonged to the class of intellectuals. Only the members of

intellectual class, according to the police, are so badly off that they cannot afford to buy new suits and have to wear their old ones turned inside out.

The corpse was found floating in the Danube, bearing all marks of a violent death, but identification papers were completely missing. The turned suit served as a first clue, indicating the man had been a brain worker.

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